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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Preliminary Amendment: SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

In Paragraph [0019], please amend the paragraph as follows:

[0019] The above purposes, characteristics, and advantages, and still others, emerge better from the description that follows and the attached drawings ~~in which.~~

In Paragraphs [0021] to [0026], please amend the paragraphs as follows:

[0021] Figure 2 is a partial side elevation and sectional view, ~~with a partial section~~, of Figure 1.

[0022] Figure 3 is an elevation view, with a partial axial section and enlarged scale, of a conical screw head that can be used to implement the invention.

[0023] Figure 4 is a detail sectional view showing, in an axial section, an insert implanted into an osteosynthesis plate for reception of a tapping screw.

[0024] Figure 5 is a section and perspective view of this insert.

[0025] Figure 6 is a sectional view showing a tapping screw tightened into this insert and into a bone fragment.

[0026] Figure 7 is an elevation and partial sectional view, ~~with partial sections~~, showing the fixation of an osteosynthesis plate according to the invention for coaptation of bone fragments, two of the fixation screws (right and left) are shown completely tightened into the bone fragments and into the plate, a third screw (in the center) being shown during its implementation.